

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 9, 10, 12 – 14, 16, 20, 22, 23, 27, 29, 30, 35 and 36 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The above mentioned claims are allowable over prior arts because the CPA (Cited Prior Art) of record fails to teach or render obvious the claimed limitations in combination with the specific added limitations recited in claims 1, 14 and 27 (& associated dependent claims).

The present invention is directed to a method for providing a secure user interface to a secured execution environment on a system comprising said secured execution environment and a second execution environment, comprising the steps of accepting encrypted user input from a user input device intended for either said secured execution environment or said second execution environment; decrypting said encrypted user input. The closest prior arts on the record, either singularly or in combination fails to anticipate or render obvious the claimed invention that determining a graphical user element that has focus from among a plurality of graphical user elements; determining whether a process that owns the graphical user element is in the secured execution environment or in the second execution environment; determining, based on whether the process that owns the graphical user element is in the secured execution environment or in the second execution environment, whether said decrypted user input is intended for said secured execution environment; if said decrypted user input is not intended for said secured execution environment, transferring said decrypted user input to said second execution environment.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Longbit Chai whose telephone number is 571-272-3788. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:00pm.

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